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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR: MPAA, JOINT STATEMENT AND
PARK LETTER

REFS: (A) SEOUL 10749, (B) SEOUL 10745.

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS AGREEMENT, WITH ONE
EXCEPTION, TO TEXTS OF MPAA AND JOINT STATEMENT AS
MODIFIED REF A. SIGNING AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ARE
CONDITIONAL UPON PRIOR RECEIPT OF SATISFACTORY LETTER
FROM TONGSUN PARK. END SUMMARY.

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OUTLINED, AGREED TEXTS OF AN MPAA AND A JOINT STATEMENT
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PROPOSALS, AS SET FORTH BELOW, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO
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EXAMINATION. THE LETTER CANNOT MAKE THESE UNDERTAKINGS
CONDITIONAL IN ANY WAY.

2. MPAA - THE TEXT OF THE MPAA AS TRANSMITTED IN REF B
IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR WORKING TEXT. WE CAN AGREE,
SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION STATED ABOVE, TO MODIFY THAT
TEXT AS FOLLOWS.

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B. PREAMBLE: WITH THIS TITLE, THE PREAMBLE CAN BE
DELETED.

C. PARAS 1-3: ALREADY AGREED.

D. PARA 4: WE ACCEPT THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE
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NOTIFICATION ONLY, NOT TO AN ROKG RIGHT TO VETO OR
MODIFY PROPOSED USE OF THE INFORMATION.

N. PARA 16: ALREADY AGREED.

3. JOINT STATEMENT - WE WILL ACCEPT THE PARAGRAPH 5B
LANGUAGE SET FORTH IN REF A.

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4. TIMING - ASSUMING THAT A SATISFACTORY LETTER IS
FORTHCOMING FROM TONGSUN PARK, AND THAT THE ROKG WILL
ACCEPT RETENTION OF THE WORDS "AND COOPERATION" IN
PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE MPAA, WE WILL BE READY TO ISSUE THE
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